

Official Programme 5p

Wigan Athletic

v.


CLIFTONVILLE

at

Springfield Park

Wigan

Saturday, July 28th
1979



Welcome to C

BRIAN JOHNSTON

Brian has already received one Irish Under-21 International Cap and was included in last season's International squad as Reserve Goalkeeper.

BRENDAN McGUIKEN

Brendan joined Cliftonville from Bambridge Town and has established himself as one of the finest attacking full-backs in Irish League Football.

EAMON LARGEY

Eamon was signed from Distillery as a left winger but is now playing in the back four. His quick breaks from defence are a distinctive feature of Cliftonville's playing style.

JOHN FLANAGAN

John is regarded by many observers as being Cliftonville's best-ever signing on the transfer market. A cool, collected defender, John previously played with Ards and Crusaders and earned a League Championship Medal whilst playing for Crusaders.

MARTY QUINN

Has been Cliftonville's most faithful servant and has been with the Club for many seasons. Marty has been a key factor in the Cliftonville revival in recent years.

CIARAN McCURRY

Ciaran was transferred to Luton Town earlier this season but the deal mysteriously fell through. However, this was Cliftonville's gain as he played a leading part in Cliftonville's Irish cup success.

PETER McCUSKER

His quick thinking style has earned him many admirers and he was runner-up for the Northern Ireland Football Writers' Player of the Year Award. Peter is currently attracting the attention of Glasgow Celtic, who are expected to watch him in today's game.

TONY BELL

Tony was signed from Portadown and got his revenge by scoring the winning goal against his previous club in this season's Irish Cup Final at Windsor Park.

WALTER MILLS

Another stalwart who has served Cliftonville faithfully since he was a teenager. Walter is the Club Captain and has the vital role of winning the ball in mid-field.

JOHN PLATT

John is the firm favourite of the Cliftonville supporters. Last season he was the leading goal scorer in Irish League Football with 30 goals to his credit.

CLIFTONVILLE

MIKE ADAIR

Mike signed for Cliftonville after playing Junior football for Gallahers in the Amateur League. A powerful winger with a fierce shot.

TERRY KINGON

Terry is Cliftonville's most expensive signing. A powerhouse in midfield, his effervescent style has played a big part in the Cliftonville success story.

JOHN HEWITT

John was signed by Manager Jackie Hutton from Portadown and has proved a very sure and skilful player.

JOHN O'CONNOR

John had a spell with Queens Park Rangers before joining Cliftonville. At present he is attracting the attention of English and Scottish Football League Clubs and it appears certain that he will be soon be making another trip to the mainland.

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CLIFTONVILLE

Cliftonville, pioneers of football in Ireland, have over the last three years experienced a dramatic change of fortune, and last season attained the peak of achievement by winning the Irish Cup Final and earning a place in this season's European Cup Winners Cup.

For decades "The Reds" were the joke team of Northern Ireland. Spectators were almost as few as victories. Now there has been a complete transformation, thanks to the expertise of Manager Jackie Hutton, his assistant Jackie Patterson and the highly efficient, progressive Board. Cliftonville are now backed by thousands of spectators (the Red Army as they are known) and have brought a new flair and atmosphere to the game in Northern Ireland.

Cliftonville was formed in 1879 and this year are celebrating their Centenary. It is very fitting, therefore, that they should have completed a marvellous season by winning the Irish Cup and also the County Antrim Shield, in their Centenary Year.

Next month they travel to Nantes to play in the European Cup Winners Cup and who knows, hopefully, next season they may add the League Championship to the Irish Cup.

All best wishes for 1979-1980 from the Wigan Athletic Football Club.

Wigan Athletic

(Royal Blue & White stripes)

Selected from—

John Brown
Bob Ward
Kevin Smart
Neil Davids
Noel Ward
David Fretwell
Joe Hinnigan
Tommy Gore
Jeff Wright
Frank Corrigan
George Urquhart
Micky Moore
Peter Houghton
Derek Brownbill
Ian Purdie
John Wilkie
Alan Crompton
Nigel Hart
Ian Gillibrand

Cliftonville

(Red)

Selected from—

Brian Johnston
Brendan McGuicken
Eamon Largey
John Flanagan
Marty Quinn
Ciaran McCurry
Peter McCusker
Tony Bell
Walter Mills
John Platt
Mike Adair
Terry Kingon
John Hewitt
John O'Connor

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee Mr. N. M. DGLEY, Salford

Linesmen

Red Flag - Mr. P. H. WATERS, Thornton Cleveleys.

Yellow Flag - Mr. J. W. ROBINSON, Wigan.